

GENERAL ORDERS,

No. 17.

HEADQUARTERS OF THE ARMY,

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Washington, February 20, 1862.

I..Paragraph II, of "General Orders," No. 102, from the Headquarters of the Army, dated November 25, 1861, directing the transfer of Volunteers, held as prisoners by the enemy, to skeleton regiments, is hereby revoked.

II..The temporary Department of New England, constituted in paragraph I, of "General Orders," No. 86, dated October 1, 1861, is hereby abrogated. The authority heretofore given Major General B. F. Butler, United States Volunteers, by the War Department, in regard to raising and equipping volunteers in New England for certain purposes, is withdrawn. All contracts made by authority of General Butler, and now in the course of execution, will be completed. He will, however, enter on no new ones.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL McCLELLAN:

L. THOMAS,
Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL:

Assistant Adjutant General.